GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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13 TH FINANCE COMMISSION
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government has asked the 13th Finance Commission to recommend sharing of taxes between Center and States to combine the challenges of ecology management and environment protection as reported in the 'Times of India' dated November 2, 2007;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any incentive is likely to be given to States to retain higher green cover at the cost of their development; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and time by which a final decision is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d) :- Yes, Sir. As per the Terms of Reference of 13th Finance Commission, while making recommendations for the distribution of net proceeds of central taxes between Centre and States, the principles which should govern grants-in-aid etc., the Commission shall have regard to certain considerations including the need to manage ecology, environment and climate change consistent with sustainable development. The Commission is expected to make its report available by the 31st October 2009.